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FEMA Region 6 Weather Threat Briefing

Friday, January 12, 2018

Issued: 0800 CT

Day 1 Weather Impacts: *Wintry weather with hazardous travel impacts likely through this morning for northeast into far eastern AR.*

Lighter wintry weather and minor travel impacts for the rest of northern and eastern AR.

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Key Points



Today

- **Winter Weather Advisories in effect through 9 AM today for Eastern AR with ice accumulations around 1/10th of an inch and up to one inch of snow/sleet along with gusty winds**
 - Minor travel impacts possible
- **Winter Storm Warnings across Far Eastern and Northeastern AR through mid afternoon today with a glaze of ice possible and 1 to 3 inches of snow accumulation**
 - Difficult travel conditions are expected and some power outages possible

Saturday – Sunday

- No significant weather expected







Monday - Tuesday

- Low chance of snow across far NE OK and NW AR
 - No to minimal accumulations possible.
- Slight chance (20%) of winter weather possible from portions of W & N TX into N LA & AR Monday night into early Tuesday
- Difficult to forecast amounts at this time, but appears as though if winter weather were to occur, amounts would be light

FEMA Region 6 Threat Matrix

Jan 12, 2018 through Jan 16, 2018

	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE
Severe Weather					
Heavy Rain / Flash Flooding					
Fire Weather					
Winter	NE into Far E AR			NE OK , NW AR (Afternoon)	N TX, S AR, N LA (Early)
	Rest of N and E AR			N TX, S AR, N LA (Late)	
Winds					
River Flooding					

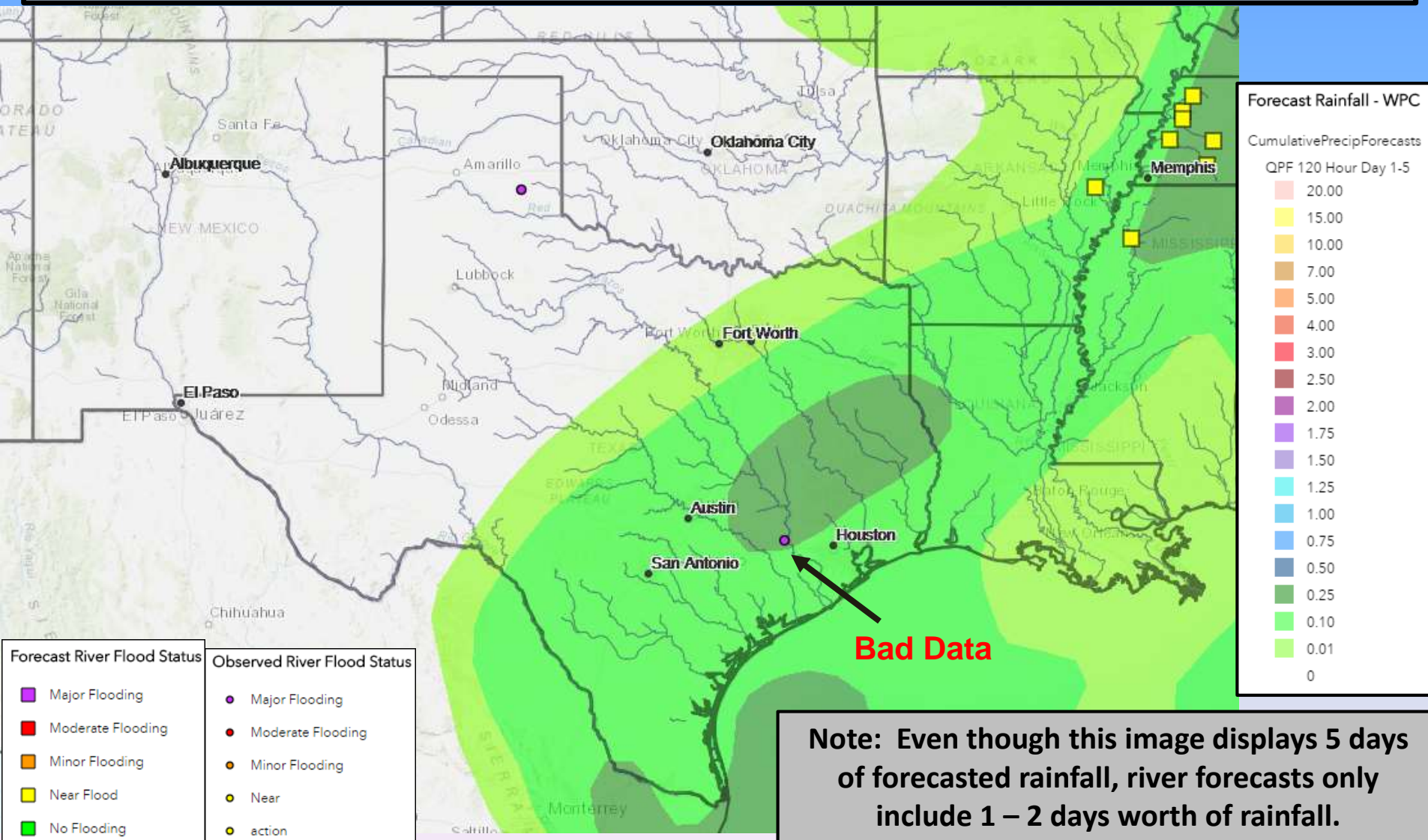
-  No Weather Threats Expected
-  Very Common – Happens Often
-  Common – Happens Frequently
-  Uncommon – A Few Times a Year
-  Rare – Once Every 1-5 Years
-  Very Rare – Once Every 5-10 Years

For more details on the colors in the threat matrix refer to the last slide in this briefing.



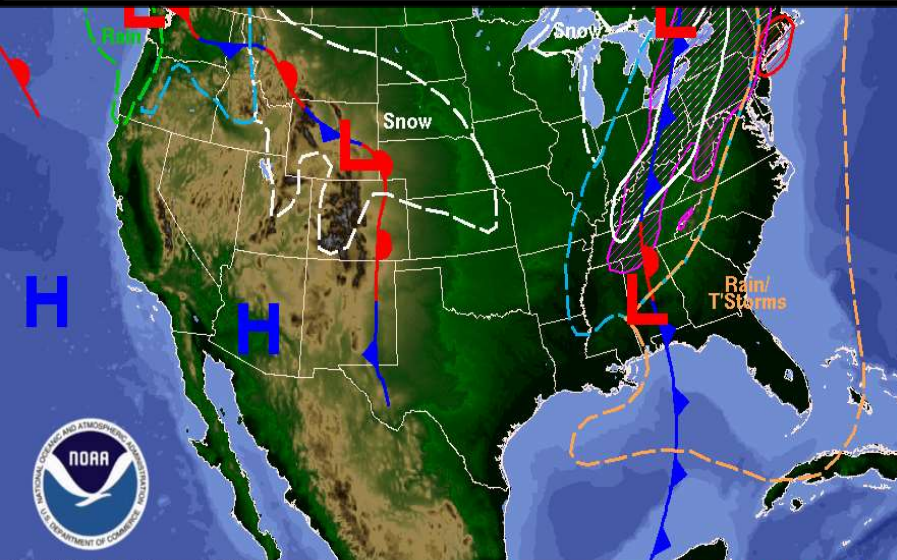
5-Day Precipitation Forecast & River Flood Status

Action stage in E AR is not expected to reach flood.



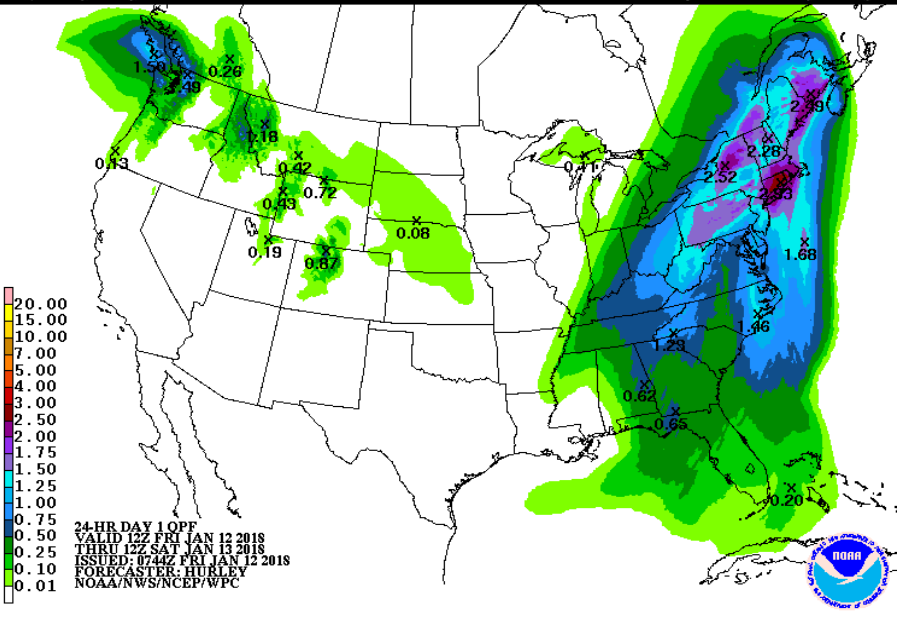
See <http://water.weather.gov/ahps> for the latest on river flooding

Today's Weather



Day 1 National Forecast Chart
Valid Fri, Jan 12, 2018, issued 4:33 AM EST
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
Prepared by McReynolds with WPC/SPC/NHC forecasts

Rain
Rain and T'Storms
Rain and Snow
Snow
Flash Flooding Possible (hatched)
Severe T'Storms Possible (hatched)
Freezing Rain Possible (hatched)
Heavy Snow Possible (hatched)

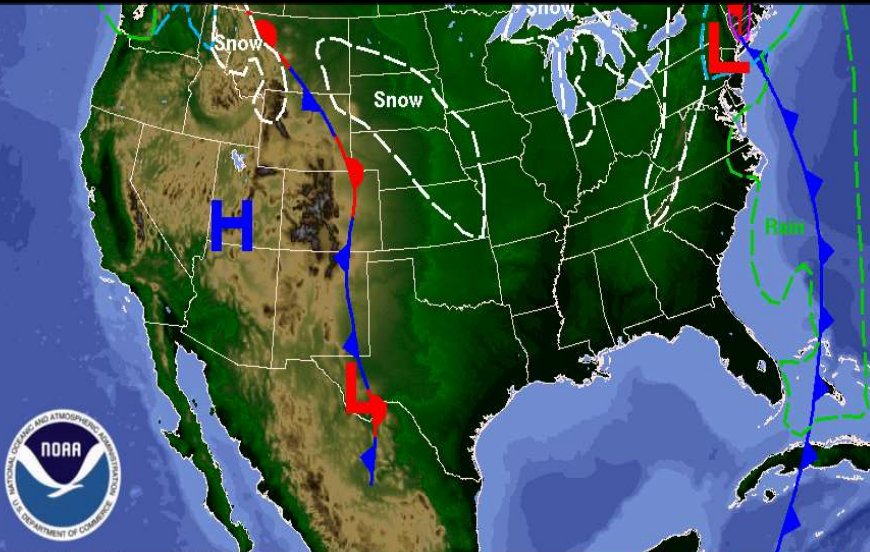


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Tomorrow's Weather

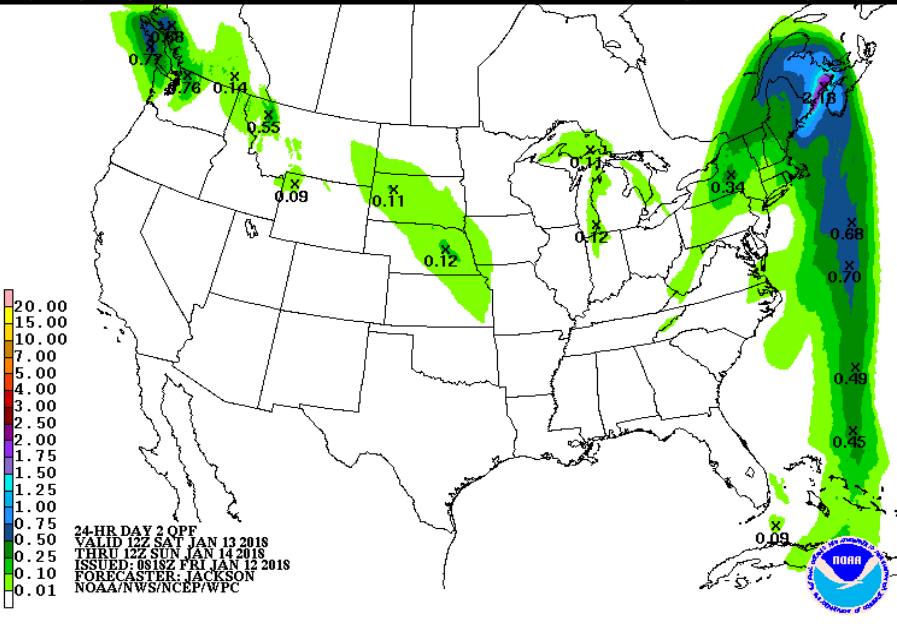


Day 2 National Forecast Chart

Valid Sat, Jan 13, 2018, issued 4:24 AM EST Fri, Jan 12, 2018
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
Prepared by McReynolds with WPC/SPC/NHC forecasts

Rain
Rain and T'Storms
Rain and Snow
Snow
Flash Flooding Possible (hatched)
Severe T'Storms Possible (hatched)
Freezing Rain Possible (hatched)
Heavy Snow Possible (hatched)

Highlighted Area: FEMA Region 8

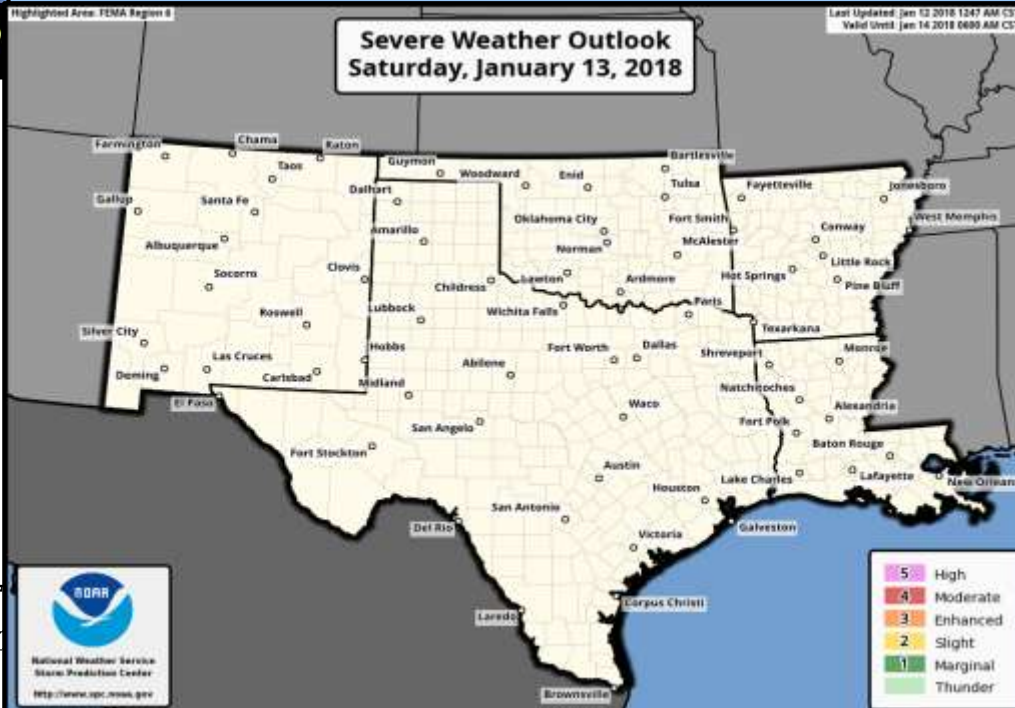


24-HR DAY 2 OPT
VALID 12Z SAT JAN 13 2018
THRU 12Z SUN JAN 14 2018
ISSUED 0618Z FRI JAN 12 2018
FORECASTER: JACKSON
NOAA/NWS/NCEP/WPC

No Significant Weather Impacts Expected.

Severe Weather Outlook Saturday, January 13, 2018

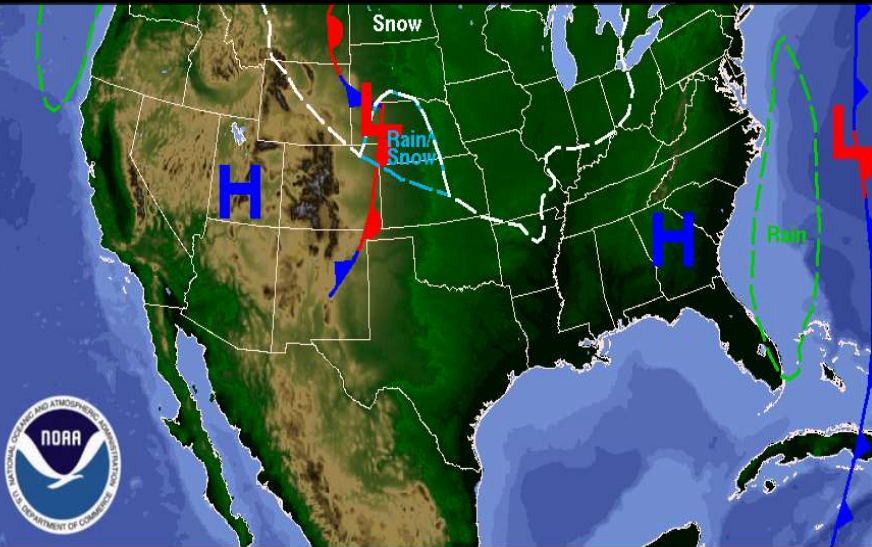
Last Updated: Jan 12 2018 1247 AM CST
Valid Until: Jan 14 2018 0600 AM CST



- 5 High
- 4 Moderate
- 3 Enhanced
- 2 Slight
- 1 Marginal
- Thunder

Sunday's Weather

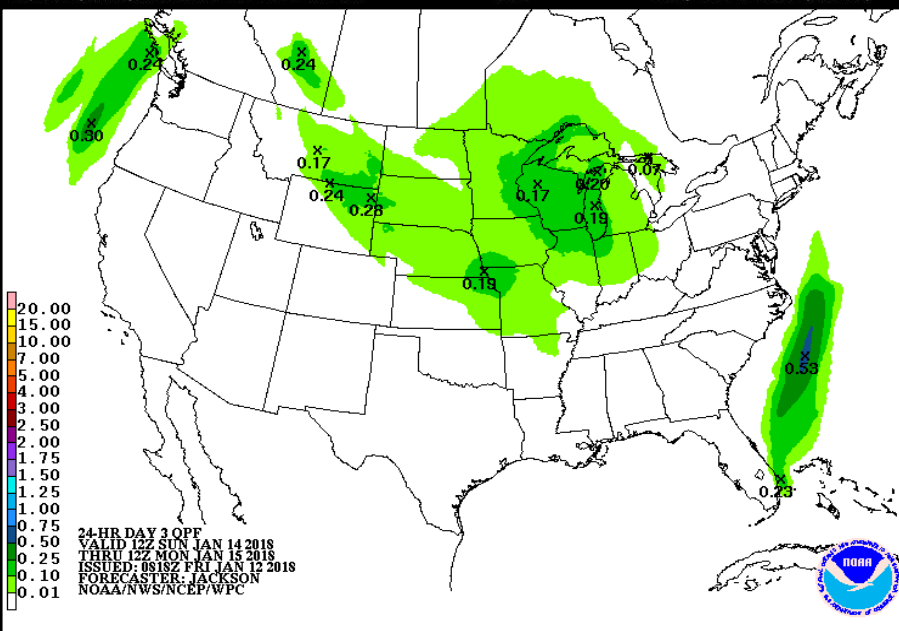
No Significant Weather Impacts Expected.



Day 3 National Forecast Chart

Valid Sun, Jan 14, 2018, issued 4:27 AM EST Fri, Jan 12, 2018
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
Prepared by McReynolds with WPC/SPC/NHC forecasts

Rain
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Flash Flooding Possible (hatched)
Severe T'Storms Possible (hatched)
Freezing Rain Possible (hatched)
Heavy Snow Possible (hatched)

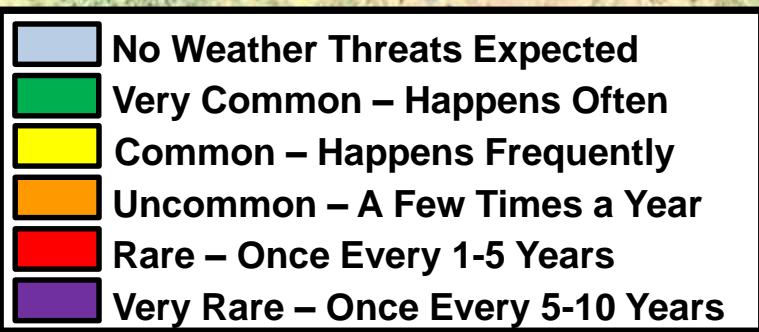
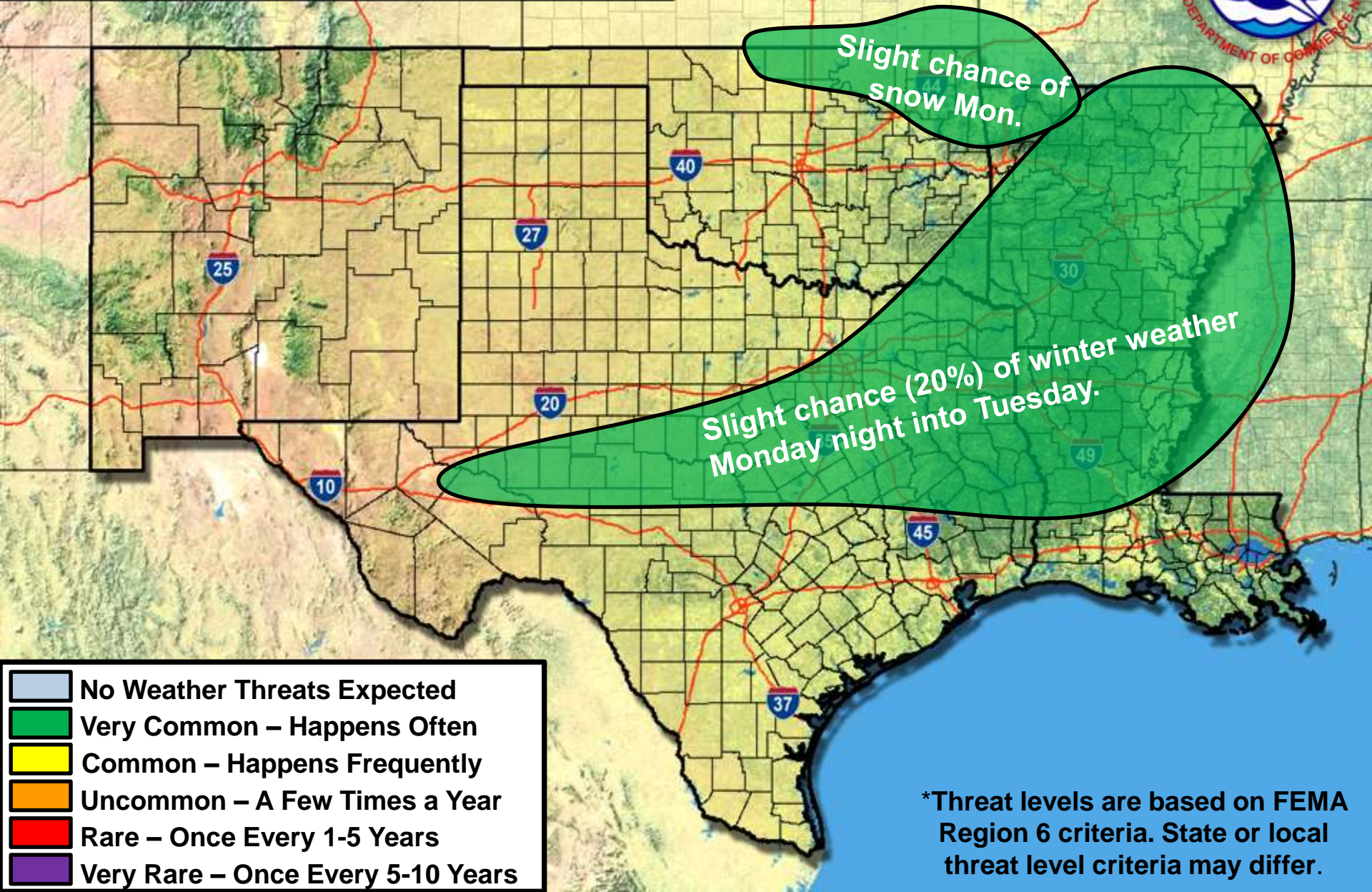


Severe Weather Outlook Sunday, January 14, 2018



Day 4-5 Weather Hazards

Sunday - Monday

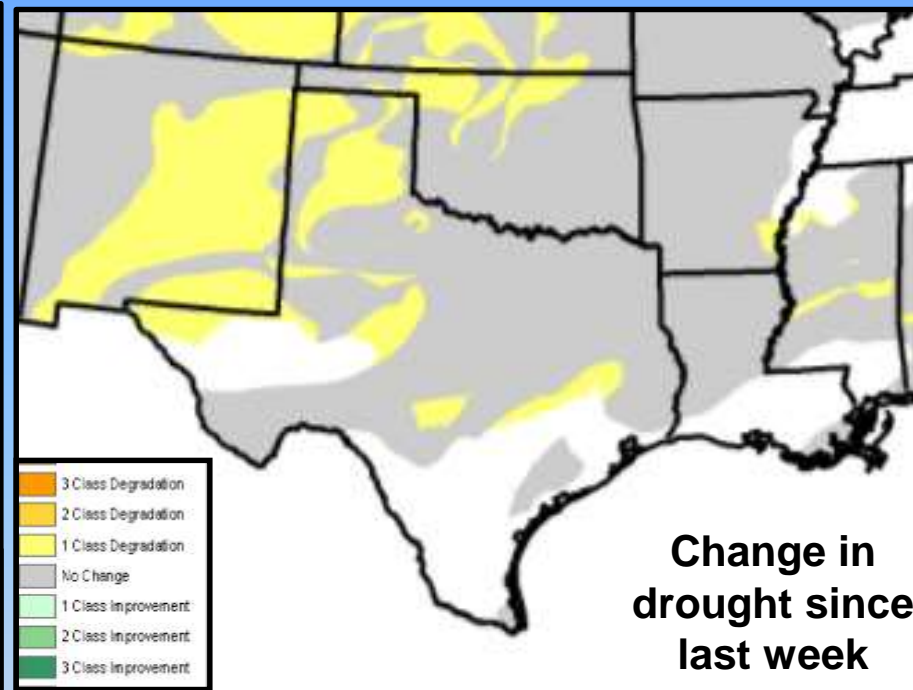
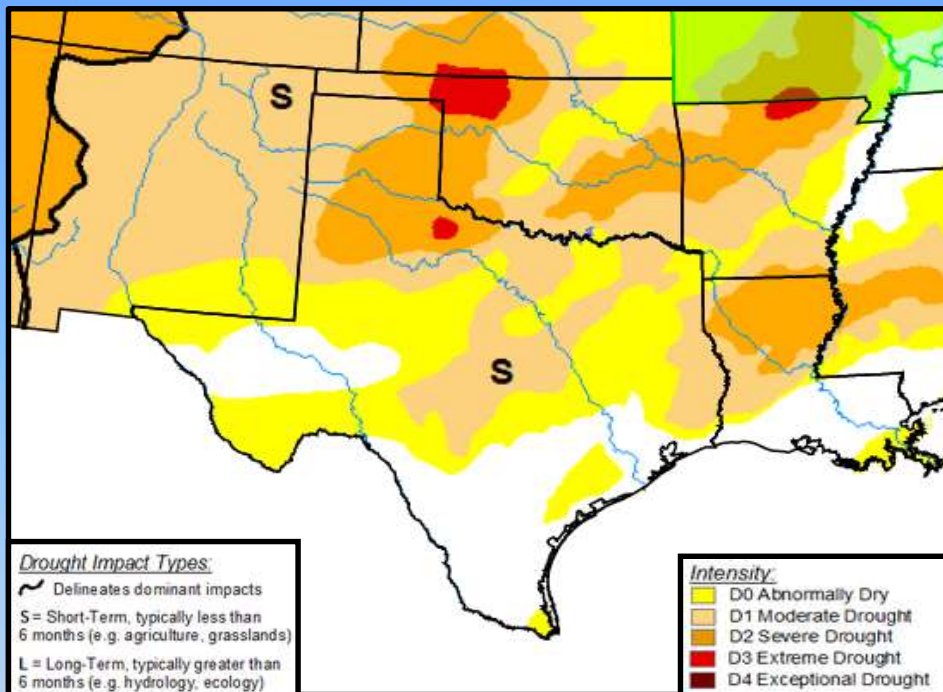


*Threat levels are based on FEMA Region 6 criteria. State or local threat level criteria may differ.



Drought Monitor Released January 11, 2018

Data valid as of 6am CST, Tuesday, January 9, 2018



Change in
drought since
last week

Drought Conditions (Percent Area) in D3-D4 (Extreme to Exceptional Drought)

State	Current	Last Week	3 Months Ago	1 Year Ago
Arkansas	2.37%	2.37%	0.00%	2.02%
Louisiana	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Oklahoma	7.03%	0.00%	0.00%	5.66%
Texas	0.39%	0.11%	0.00%	0.14%
New Mexico	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%

Space Weather 3-Day Forecast



[Click here for a Description of the Space Weather Storm Scales](#)

[Click here for the Latest 3-Day Space Weather Forecast Text](#)

	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Geomagnetic Storms	Quiet (Max Kp = 2)	Quiet to Active (Max Kp = 4)	Quiet to Unsettled (Max Kp = 3)
Solar Radiation Storm (S1-S5)	1%	1%	1%
Radio Blackout (R1-R2)	1%	1%	1%
Radio Blackout (R3-R5)	1%	1%	1%



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Weather "Threat" Matrix			
Color	Definition	Criteria	Example(s)
Green	Very Common Safety: Rarely a Direct Threat to Life and Property Impact Potential: Typically Results in Little Inconvenience to Daily Routines	Severe: Marginal Risk from SPC Flooding: Minor flooding expected over localized areas Tropical: None Fire Weather: No Watches/Warnings, fuel moisture above 10% or green up active	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thunderstorms expected over LA this afternoon; a few may produce winds to knock down a few trees Something that happens almost every day in a particular season such as <u>seabreeze</u> storms in coastal TX
Yellow	Somewhat Common – Happens Frequently Safety: Rarely a Direct Threat to Life and Property Impact Potential: Typically Results in Some Inconvenience to Daily Life	Severe: Slight Risk from SPC Flooding: Nuisance flooded expected for a widespread area, or Minor flooding expected over isolated areas Tropical: A weak tropical wave expected to move towards or near any coastline Fire Weather: Red Flag Watches/Warnings and/or SPC outlines enhanced or critical fire outlook	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2-3 inches of rainfall expected over central AR today and tonight; some minor (brief) street flooding possible Scattered severe storms possible, one or two tornadoes expected, along with reports of strong winds/wind damage and ~1" hail
Orange	Uncommon – A Few Times a Year Safety: Often Threatening to Life and Property, Some Damage Unavoidable Impact Potential: Typically Results in Minor Disruption to Daily Life	Severe: Enhanced Risk from SPC Flooding: Minor flooding expected over a widespread area (including urban locations), or Moderate flooding expected over isolated areas Tropical: A Tropical Storm expected to move towards or near any coastline Fire: Critical fire outlook for more than 2 consecutive days, Warnings for 2 or more consecutive days, D3-D4 drought conditions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A snow/sleet mix is expected to move through or near the DFW area tomorrow morning; travel impacts likely Numerous severe storms possible, a few tornadoes possible along with several reports of wind damage along with damaging hail Some large fires reported, burn bans advertised, critical conditions expected
Red	Rare – Once every 1-5 Years Safety: Extensive Property Damage Likely, Life Saving Actions Also will be Needed Impact Potential: Will likely result in Large Disruption to Daily Life	Severe: Moderate Risk from SPC Flooding: Moderate flooding expected over a widespread area (including urban locations) Tropical: A Hurricane expected to move towards or near any coastline Fire: Large areas of critical conditions for 2 or more days, Warnings for 3 or more days, Severe to extreme drought	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Category 1 hurricane will be moving towards the NW Gulf in the next few days Widespread severe storms likely, strong tornadoes, widespread wind damage, and destructive hail Large fires ongoing throughout the area with critical fire weather conditions expected to continue
Purple	Very Rare – Once Every 5-10 Years Safety: Property Damage Unavoidable, Immediate Action to Save Life will be Needed Impact Potential: Typically Results in Long-Lived Widespread Major Disruption to Daily Life	Severe: High Risk from SPC Flooding: Major flooding expected over a widespread area (including urban locations) Tropical: A Major Hurricane (Cat3 or greater) expected to move towards or near any coastline Fire: Large area of critical conditions for 2 or more days, Warnings for 3 or more days, Long term (months) of severe to extreme drought	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Category 4 hurricane is headed towards the SE LA; major storm surge, flooding and damaging winds anticipated to begin tomorrow Widespread severe storms expected, tornado outbreak probable with long-lived, very widespread and particularly intense storms